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SUBJ SECOND SESSION OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC)

AD HOC COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY: US AND CHINA WILL AGAIN BE ABSENT AT SECOND SESSION
OPENING JUNE 24 OF WDC AD HOC COMMITTEE. UK AND FRANCE WILL AGAIN
BE PRESENT AS OBSERVERS AND PLAN TO SPEAK THIS TIME. CHAIRMAN MAY
REPORT ON EXTENT OF US AND CHINESE COOPERATION WITH
COMMITTEE, AND IN PREPARATION FOR THIS ASKED USUN AND CHINESE
MISSION TO CONSIDER SENDING LETTERS TO COMMITTEE STATING THEIR
VIEWS ON A WDC. END SUMMARY:

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1. SECOND SESSION OF WORLD DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE (WDC) AD HOC COMMITTEE BEGINS JUNE 24, TO RUN FOR ONE WEEK AT MOST. LITTLE NOTEWORTHY IS EXPECTED TO HAPPEN. COMMITTEE MAY APPOINT WORKING GROUP TO PREPARE REPORT TO 29TH GA. UN SECRETARIAT HAS COMPILED 140 PAGE SUMMARY OF VIEWS OF GOVTS ON A WDC WHICH MAY GIVE COMMITTEE SOMETHING TO CHEW ON FOR A WHILE. UK AND FRANCE WILL AGAIN ATTEND THIS SESSION AS OBSERVERS. UK IS EXPECTED TO RESTATE BRIEFLY ITS VIEWS ON A WDC. FRANCE IS EXPECTED TO DO THE SAME AND ALSO TO DEFINE ITS STATUS AS A PRESENT AND COOPERATING NON-MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE. IT WILL STRESS THAT COOPERATION OF THE NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES MAY TAKE ANY FORM BUT THERE MUST BE SOME COOPERATION.

2. CHAIRMAN HOVEYDA (IRAN) MAY WELL BE ASKED, OR IN ANY CASE FEEL OBLIGED TO REPORT THIS TIME SPECIFICALLY ON COOPERATION OF THE TWO ABSENT NUCLEAR POWERS, US AND CHINA. LATE LAST WEEK HE ASKED US TO CONSIDER SENDING A LETTER TO COMMITTEE GIVING OUR VIEWS ON A WDC, EVEN IF IT WERE MERELY A TWO OR THREE LINE CONFIRMATION OF OUR EARLIER VIEWS. OTHERWISE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT HAVE ANY DIRECT AND CURRENT INFORMATION ON US VIEWS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN PREPARING ITS REPORT TO NEXT GA. HOVEYDA APPROACH TO US WAS MADE THROUGH HIS COUNSELOR BAYANDOR AND SEEMED TO BE MORE OF A SUGGESTION THAN A SUPPLICATION. BAYANDOR SAID THAT WHILE IT WOULD BE BEST TO HAVE SOMETHING FROM US AND CHINA BEFORE COMMITTEE'S SECOND SESSION ENDS, AS LONG AS STATEMENTS WERE RECEIVED BEFORE COMMITTEE WRITES ITS REPORT FOR GA THIS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. WE TOLD BAYANDOR WE WOULD CONSIDER THE SUGGESTION, ALTHOUGH WE HAD NOT PLANNED TO MAKE ANY SUBMISSION AT THIS TIME, SINCE AMB SCALI HAD TOLD HOVEYDA DURING LATTER'S CALL IN MAY THAT OUR VIEWS ON A WDC WERE UNCHANGED AND ALSO SINCE SECRETARIAT'S SUMMARY JUST ISSUED CONTAINED AN ADEQUATE SAMPLING OF STILL CURRENT US THINKING ON A WDC.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE CONTACTED CHINESE MISSION (CHOU NAN) WHO SAID HIS AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN SIMILARLY APPROACHED BY HOVEYDA AND INSTRUCTIONS HAD BEEN SOUGHT FROM PEKING. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY THOUGHT SENDING ANY KIND OF STATEMENT AT ALL WOULD BE CONFERRING TOO MUCH IMPORTANCE UPON COMMITTEE. WE EXPLAINED TO CHOU NAN THAT WE HAD NOT PLANNED TO SEND A STATEMENT BUT BECAUSE OF HOVEYDA'S REQUEST WOULD OF COURSE BE CONFIDENTIAL

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THINK IT OVER. WE SAID IN ANY CASE WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW CHINESE INTENTIONS IF POSSIBLE BEFORE DECIDING.

4. HOVEYDA TOLD BRITISH AND FRENCH OF HIS OVERTURES TO US AND CHINESE. FRENCH (SCALABRE) THEN SOUNDED OUT CHINESE WHO, ACCORDING TO SCALABRE, SAID THEY WOULD GIVE COMMITTEE "NO COOPERATION". HOWEVER, SCALABRE SAID HE URGED CHINESE TO RECONSIDER IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN INTERESTS AND BELIEVES

THAT A PEKING DECISION BY END OF WEEK TO SEND A STATEMENT
CANNOT BE RULED OUT ALTOGETHER. FRENCH VIEWS APPEARS TO BE
THAT IF EITHER US OR CHINA FAIL TO COMPLY WITH MODEST
REQUEST FOR COOPERATION OF THIS SORT, THIS IS SUFFICIENT
TO MAKE COMMITTEE'S WORK USELESS AND FRANCE MAY WITHDRAW
FROM PARTICIPATION.

5. RECOMMEND WE WATCH HOW SITUATION DEVELOPS THIS WEEK,
PARTICULARLY ANY FURTHER INDICATIONS WE CAN GET OF CHINESE
THINKING, BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER OR NOT TO ACCEDE TO
HOVEYDA REQUEST.

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